

House Resolution No. 331

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Alva Watkins will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his One Hundredth Birthday with a special celebration on February 26, 2005, at the First Assembly of God Church in Bolivar, Missouri; and

Whereas, on February 25, 1905, in DeSoto, God brought a special gift to Richard and Maggie Bridges Watkins with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Alva, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Alva Watkins will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his sixty-seven-year marriage to Wilma Cornelius (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Alva Watkins with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include three daughters and one son-in-law, Ruth and Bob Legan of Claremore, Oklahoma, and Ethel Simmons Lunchford and Dale Seiner Ritsema of Bolivar; nine grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and ten great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Alva Watkins has compiled an enviable list of achievement that includes working as a farmer and construction worker; retiring from Medefee Construction, where he was a grade checker; being a member of the First Assembly of God Church, where he distinguished himself by pledging his farm as collateral in order to finance a new building; helping build and repair various small and struggling churches and campgrounds throughout southern Missouri; serving as a member of the McKinney School Board; and catching a five pound catfish at the age of 99; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 100, Alva Watkins is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Alva Watkins at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Alva Watkins, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Parson
District No. 133

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 331, adopted February 2, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker